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Rites on Monday for Three Of Four Accident Victims



VICTORY SMILE . . . North High coach Keith "Skip" Enger flashes a victory smile as he rises to greet his team as the final gun sounded Friday at Long Beach. When it was over, the Saxons had hung a 51-49 defeat on Redondo, ending the Seahawk's 26-game win streak and earning the right to meet Long Beach Poly for the CIF "AAA" championships. Details and highlights of the Redondo-North game are on today's Press-Herald sports page. (Press-Herald Photo)

Five Teens Jailed in Two Chases

Four teenagers were taken into custody by Torrance police Thursday afternoon after an eight-block chase which ended when the fleeing car crashed into a school fence in West Torrance.

All four were jailed on charges which included assault with a deadly weapon, hit and run, and possessing concealed weapons. Officers seized a rifle with fixed bayonet and two knives.

Arrested were: Larry Michael Touchstone, 17, of 302 N. Prospect Ave., Hermosa Beach.

Jesse Harvey Seiber, 16, of 524 N. Irene St., Redondo Beach.

Douglas Paul Kraus, 17, of 524 N. Helberta St., Redondo Beach, and David Lee White, 16, of 4328 W. 153rd St., Lawndale.

Officers took the youths from a car entangled in the Towers School fence. The car came to a stop within 20 feet of a group of school children.

Officers said the boys' car sideswiped their unmarked police car near West High and forced it off the road. The boys then turned into a service road, smashed through a locked chain gate, crossed a drainage channel and crashed into the Towers School fence.



ROBERT TAYLOR Dies in New Mexico
JIMMY RYAN Crash Victim
CLINTON JENNINGS Killed in Collision

Car-Truck Crash Claims 4 Lives

Three North High students and a Hawthorne youth were killed in a fiery collision early Wednesday in eastern New Mexico.

Dead are: Robert L. Taylor, 18, of 4174 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Clinton A. Jennings, 17, of 17211 Crenshaw Blvd.

Jimmy Ryan, 16, of 17114 Glenburn Ave., and Jerry Ferguson, 18, of 13414 Doty Ave., Hawthorne.

The youths were killed when their car crashed into the side of a large trailer truck about 18 miles east of Tucumcari, N.M., on U.S. Highway 66. New Mexico State Police said the car hit the truck near the gas tanks. The truck exploded in flames.

Paul Aldridge, 48, of Oklahoma City, was driving the truck. He and relief driver Ivan Acker, 40, were not injured in the crash.

INVESTIGATING officers theorized the driver of the car, believed to be Taylor, fell asleep at the wheel, allowing the car to drift into the westbound lane. A head-on collision was avoided when Aldridge swerved the truck.

Taylor and Jennings were pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital in Tucumcari. Ryan, son of Torrance policeman Regina Ryan, died nearly four hours later.

Ferguson lived until early Thursday morning. The youths had told a waitress at a Tucumcari restaurant they planned to drive to Amarillo, Texas, without stopping according to one police officer.

TAYLOR'S FATHER, who lived in Texas, died recently and it was believed the four boys were on their way to visit friends of the boy's father.

Funeral services for the Jennings youth will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Interment will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Young Jennings is survived by his mother, Mrs. Jean Jennings of Torrance; his father, Clinton Jennings of Presidio, Calif., and two sisters, Andrea and Margaret.

Rosary for the Ryan boy will be recited this evening at 7 in the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Requiem mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. tomorrow at St. Catherine Laboure Church, with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan; a brother, Kenneth German; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Ryan of Gardena, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown.

SERVICES FOR the Taylor youth will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow, also at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow in Roosevelt Memorial Park. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor.

The Ferguson boy is survived by his father, Frank Chapman of Hawthorne. Also surviving are two brothers, Larry Ferguson and Keith Chapman, and two sisters, Mae Aderholt and Mary Buchannan. Also surviving is his grandfather, Jesse M. Brown.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Interment will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Local Police Win Diplomas From Academy

Seven Torrance Police recruits were graduated from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Training Academy Friday in a class of 136, according to Torrance Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess commended the graduates and told them they had received "the best training that professional law enforcement can offer."

The local graduating policemen who have successfully completed 16 weeks of basic police training are Horace V. Crank, George L. Farrell, Walter J. Hunter, David G. Marsden, William C. McLean, Gary E. Meyer, and Brent G. Scott.

New Guard Units Listed by State

Lt. Gen. Roderic L. Hill, California's Adjutant General, today released an incomplete list of Army National Guard troops for the state.

Gen. Hill said he will release additional details of the troop list for the National Guard-Army Reserve merger they are completed.

The omission of units for localities which now have either or both Guard and Reserve units does not indicate that there will no longer be a reserve unit component unit assigned to the area, Gen. Hill said.

Reorganization of the Guard and Army Reserve into one unit has created several problems, Gen. Hill added. Every effort is being made, he stressed, to make maximum use of existing

units and present state and federally owned training facilities.

THE PARTIAL list includes the following units in the Southwestern area:

Manhattan Beach: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Engineer Battalion (Construction), and 40th Engineer Company.

Torrance: 6218th Receiving Station; Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Construction); Company B Engineer Battalion; 408th Disbursing Section; 76th Judge Advocate Team (Legal Assistance); 76th Judge Advocate Team (Legal Frauds); 80th Judge Advocate Team (Fiscal Law); Company A, Infantry Battalion; and Company

B, Infantry Battalion.

Dominguez Site May Win Over Peninsula

State college officials apparently have eliminated Torrance from consideration in the selection of a state college site in the immediate area for a second time.

Selection of a site for the embattled Palos Verdes State College has been narrowed to the Rolling Hills Estate location, already designated by college trustees, or a site in

the Dominguez area, according to a spokesman for the state.

Biggest question still to be answered about the Peninsula site is whether the state can afford the land. Some officials have insisted it cannot and urged selection of a site in the Dominguez area, some nine miles northwest of the Long Beach State College campus.

Les Cohen, legislative representative for the college trustees, said conferences were under way between trustees and other state officials for the purchase of a permanent campus site.

Additional state monies are likely to be needed regardless of which site is finally selected. The State Legislature already has voted \$5 million for purchase of a site, but most observers feel that at least another \$5 million will be needed for the Peninsula site.

Dr. Glenn S. Dumke, chancellor of the state colleges, continues to urge the opening of the new college this fall. Dumke said the college could be opened on a limited basis in temporary facilities.

Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown has refused once to include funds for the fall

opening in his budget, but State Finance Director Hale Champion has said the governor will reconsider the request.

Champion described the 1965 opening as "a possibility."

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-69th District) has asked for a meeting with Brown and Champion early this week. Thomas, author of one bill to provide funds for opening the college, must secure a letter of endorsement from Brown if the Legislature is to consider his bill ahead of the 1965-66 budget.

Gov. Brown, so far, has refused to write such a letter.

Car Sale Law Fails Third Time

A much-talked-about ordinance which will prohibit the sale of cars and other vehicles from unimproved lots in the city failed—for the third time—to win enough votes for passage last Tuesday during the City Council's meeting.

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WEIRD SIGHT . . . Coach Rex Hughes may have seen flying Saxons in his sleep Friday night after his unbeaten Redondo Seahawks were upset by North High, 51-49, in the CIF "AAA" basketball playoffs. Bruce Troglin (45) helped haunt the Hawks with four "invisible" field goals and three free throws. A crowd of 8,305 spectators, along with Dave Druliner (31) of Redondo, witnessed the thriller at the Long Beach Sports Arena. (Press-Herald Photo)

Bandit Gets \$1,114 . . .

A lone bandit escaped with \$1,114 in currency and change Friday evening. Eric Anderson, 39, a clerk at a Wilmington supermarket, told police the bandit stuffed the money in a paper sack and fled on foot shortly before 8 o'clock. The market is located at 1355 N. Avalon Blvd.

Workable Plan Approved . . .

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro has told city councilmen that the city's "workable plan" for urban renewal has been approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The workable plan is the first step toward approval of the entire urban renewal project for the west end of Torrance Municipal Airport.

School Board to Meet . . .

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the board offices, 2345 Plaza del Amo. During the meeting, members of the Torrance Education Association will present their salary recommendations to the board.

Wilson IS asking for R-3 PD (planned development) and C-3 zoning.

Portions of the land are presently zoned for manufacturing, and the remainder is R-3. Butcher, appearing before the Planning Commission for the second hearing on his petition, has asked that the manufacturing zoning be changed to R-1 to permit construction of single-family homes. The Butcher land is adjacent to the Wilson parcel and south of 235th Street. A second hearing on the Wilson petition will be held April 7 before the commission. The Butcher request will be forwarded to the city council for final action.